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Claims 1-90 are cancelled without prejudice and without any intention of abandoning the subject matter thereof; and new claims 91-98 are added. After entry of this amendment, claims 91-98 as presented herein are under consideration. Support for the new claims is found in the Specification, for example, on pages 9 and 13-15 and in the claims as originally filed. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is added by these amendments. In view of the amendment and remarks presented herein, reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested. Applicants also thank Examiner Wegert for a helpful conversation regarding the claims on June 22, 2004.

Claims 1-9 were rejected for lacking written description and enablement. While not acquiescing to the rejections and respectfully disagreeing with the Examiner for at least the reasons of record, Applicants have cancelled all of claims 1-90 in order to advance prosecution without prejudice to pursuing claims of similar scope in the future. Accordingly, these rejections are moot. To the extent that similar rejections would apply to the new claims, Applicants respectfully indicate that there is explicit support for the chimeric receptors recited in the pending claims on pages 9 and 13-15 as well as examples of how to make, test, and use chimeric receptors according to the invention in the Examples on pages 24-31.

On the basis of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that claims 91-98 are in condition for allowance and request early and favorable action.

Respectfully submitted,

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